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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DEFENSE MINISTER DOUKARA

DAKAR FOR USDAO

1. DOUKARA MET WITH DASD/ISA NOYES AND OTHER DOD REPRESENTATIVES ON 7 NOVEMBER AT PENTAGON.
2. DURING DISCUSSIONS, DOUKARA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.
MALI'S DROUGHT PROBLEMS WOULD CONTINUE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND EVEN IF FOOD PRODUCTION WERE TO IMPROVE, DIFFICULTIES OF TRANSPORTING FOOD WOULD STILL EXIST.
MALI NEEDED TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT, 80-100 HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS AND RIVER BOATS TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS INTERNALLY.
3. DOD REPS EXPLAINED THAT WHILE AWARE OF MALI'S NEED FOR TRUCKS AND AIR TRANSPORTATION, MONEY CONSTRAINTS POSED SERIOUS PROBLEMS. ALMOST NO CHANCE OF BEING ABLE

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TO PROVIDE ANY GRANT AID IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

FY 72 FMS CREDIT OF NEARLY 450,000 DOLLARS REMAINING THAT MALI COULD USE. AT COST OF 6 MILLION DOLLARS EACH, POSSIBILITY OF C-130H'S VERY REMOTE. NO C-130A'S AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE.

4. FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ITEMS DISCUSSED.

A. C-47 AIRCRAFT: C-47 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE AT 150,000 DOLLARS TO 160,000 DOLLARS. DOUKARA INDICATED THAT IF C-130 WAS IMPOSSIBLE HE WOULD CONSIDER EXPANDING ROLE OF C-47.

B. C-47 SPARE PARTS: SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT IF MALI NOT SATISFIED WITH FRENCH SUPPLIERS DOUKARA MIGHT CONSIDER AMERICAN COMMERCIAL SOURCES. AT HIS REQUEST, AMBASSADOR TRAORE WAS GIVEN LIST OF THREE U.S. COMMERCIAL DEALERS IN SPARE PARTS.

C. C-47 TRAINING: POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING TWO AIRCREWS WAS DISCUSSED. BEFORE BREAKDOWN OF COSTS CAN BE DETERMINED, NECESSARY TO KNOW: ENGLISH PROFICIENCY LEVEL (PILOT TRAINING REQUIRES MINIMUM ECL 80); EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF PILOT (IF NO EXPERIENCE, SPECIAL PILOT TRAINING COURSES WOULD HAVE TO BE TAILORED); IF STUDENTS HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE, SINGLE AND/OR MULTI-ENGINE TIME WOULD BE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DESIGNING SUITABLE COURSE; EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE STUDENTS. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, EXCLUDING LANGUAGE TRAINING, COSTS FOR PILOT TRAINING FOR STUDENT WITH NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE COULD RANGE FROM 72,000 TO 89,000 DOLLARS ASSUMING NORMAL PROGRESS AND FROM 8,000 TO 25,000 DOLLARS FOR PROFICIENT SINGLE ENGINE PILOT TRANSITIONING INTO C-47. IF MALI WISHED, COSTS OF AIRCREW TRAINING COULD BE CONSIDERED UNDER FMS CREDIT AS A SPECIAL CASE.

D. LANGUAGE TRAINING: DOUKARA INFORMED THAT LENGTH AND COST OF ANY TRAINING COURSE IN U.S. WOULD DEPEND ON AMOUNT OF LANGUAGE TRAINING REQUIRED AFTER STUDENT ARRIVES. DOUKARA STATED DESIRE FOR STUDENTS

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TO LEARN ENGLISH IN MALI, BUT THAT ENGLISH LANGUAGE EQUIPMENT WAS NO LONGER WORKING AND WOULD APPRECIATE HELP IN RESTORING EQUIPMENT. LT. DIAWARA LEFT PACKAGE SAYING IT WAS BROKEN PART FROM LANGUAGE TRAINING EQUIPMENT. WE ATTEMPTING DETERMINE PROBLEM WITH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DETERMINE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH EQUIPMENT IN BAMAKO.

E. U.S. ARMY EQUIPMENT: DOUKARA WAS PROVIDED DESCRIPTION, COSTS AND AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT IN BROCHURE WHICH HE KEPT(COPY BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY). DATA ARE ESTIMATES AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. ALSO, MANUFACTURER'S BROCHURE PROVIDED ON VARIOUS VEHICLES IN WHICH DOUKARA INTERESTED. DOUKARA ASKED IF MALI COULD PAY CASH FOR DIFFERENCE IF PRICE OF EQUIPMENT EXCEEDED FMS CREDITS AVAILABLE. HE WAS INFORMED THIS COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT. DOUKARA INDICATED HE WAS

READY TO REQUEST LETTER OF OFFER FOR TRUCKS, GENERATORS AND PARACHUTES. WE SUGGESTED THAT HE STUDY DATA PRESENTED BY U.S. ARMY REPRESENTATIVE, SO THAT ANY QUESTIONS COULD BE CLEARED UP PRIOR TO PROCEEDING FURTHER. QUANTITIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT DISCUSSED BY MALIANS, ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY FOR DROUGHT RELIEF PURPOSES, WOULD PROBABLY EXCEED AVAILABLE FMS CREDITS BY SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BAMAKO FOLLOW UP ON DOUKARA INTENTIONS. ALSO, WOULD APPRECIATE AVAILABILITY OF DATT FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MALI OFFICIALS ON FMS CREDIT AND CASH PURCHASES. WE REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT TO BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE IN REQUESTING FURTHER INFO ON TRAINING COSTS AND AVAILABILITY. KISSINGER

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